UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

UNDERDOG TRUCKING, LL.C. and REGGIE ANDERS, Plaintiffs, vs. VERIZON COMMUNICATIONS INC., CELLCO PARTNERSHIP d/b/a VERIZON WIRELESS, REVEREND AL SHARPTON, NATIONAL ACTION NETWORK, and DOES 1 THROUGH 9, Defendants.	16 Civ. 5654 (VSB)

AFFIDAVIT OF REGGIE ANDERS

I Reggie Anders, one of the Plaintiffs in this matter do hereby solemnly swear and state as follows:

1. I contacted my Reverend, David Wade after I felt that my discrimination and breach of contract lawsuit was unfairly dismissed in 2013. David Wade had his attorney, Benjamin Taylor take a look at it and he agreed that my lawsuit was unfairly dismissed. After speaking with several reverends and getting their support, Reverend David Wade had his attorney, Benjamin Taylor send Verizon a demand letter stating if this situation was not resolved, that the community of Reverends would call for a boycott against Verizon with Reverend Al Sharpton leading the charge.
2. Verizon's Attorney's Raymond McGuire and Kristina Hammond contacted Benjamin Taylor and discussed the issues with him, they asked that he give them a week to bring this to Verizon before the Reverends went to the press regarding the treatment of me and my company, Underdog Trucking, LLC.
3. After a few weeks, Benjamin Taylor hadn't heard anything from Verizon or their attorneys Ray McGuire and Kristina Hammond. We then proceeded to organize against Verizon and get Al Sharpton and other Civil Rights Activists on board. Unbeknownst to me, Al Sharpton has been paid hush money from Verizon for years. If I had been aware of this conflict of interest I would

never have gotten Al Sharpton involved because my Reverend, David Wade and I had already spoken with Jesse Jackson who was willing to help us.

4. In July of 2014, my reverend, David Wade contacted the chairman of the National Action Network (N.A.N), Franklyn Richardson regarding the issues that I and my company, Underdog Trucking LL.C had with Verizon and gave him all the details of my case and that it had been unfairly dismissed.
5. Franklyn Richardson told David Wade that Al Sharpton handled this kind of situation all the time. After speaking with Al Sharpton, Mr. Richardson told my reverend, David Wade, that Mr. Sharpton would take my case for a fee of $16,000.00.
6. Mr. Richardson said that this would ensure that Al Sharpton would do everything in his power to seek justice on my behalf by doing whatever was necessary to rectify the injustice done by Verizon by its discrimination against me and my company through his TV show on MSNBC "Politics Nation"; his nationally syndicated radio show "Keepin it Real with Al Sharpton"; press conferences as well as mediation with Verizon Communications.
7. We agreed to meet at the headquarters of the National Action Network in New York on August 28, 2014 to exchange the money and go over the details involving my case and solidify the plan on how to move forward.
8. At the meeting on August 28, 2014, my reverend, David Wade gave Franklyn Richardson and Al Sharpton the money that was requested. Myself, Rev. Wade, Al Sharpton, Franklyn Richardson and Michael Hardy then had a 45-minute-long meeting on what Al Sharpton would do.
9. Al Sharpton said he would arrange a meeting with the CEO of Verizon and address the issues regarding my treatment by Verizon, and if that didn't get any results then he would make a lot of noise via his media programs exposing them for the discriminatory and racists practices against me and my company.
10. After about 4-6 weeks of not hearing anything from Al Sharpton, my reverend, David Wade and I contacted Franklyn Richardson the chairman of National Action Network. Franklyn Richardson told us he had good news, Al Sharpton was at the White House the day before and that Al and the Vice President of Verizon had a discussion regarding my case and that a meeting was planned for later that week.
11. After another week, I contacted Michael Hardy, and he said that they were supposed to have a meeting but he did not have any details. He told me to contact him every week and he would keep me updated about what was going on with the case.
12. This went on for months. I called the National Action Network and Michael Hardy, and they would just keep giving different stories, nothing concrete about who they met with, what was discussed. I realized they were stringing me along and had no real concern for getting this resolved for me. Michael Hardy would name alleged meetings, but gave no details as to who Al Sharpton met with or what they discussed.
13. When the NY Post article on January 4, 2015 was published with the title " How Sharpton gets paid to not cry 'racism' at corporations, David Wade and I were concerned that Verizon was mentioned in the article in regards to its relationship with Al Sharpton. The article reported that several large corporations including Verizon had given Mr. Sharpton over $1 million for his birthday. It was hush money to keep quiet about the discriminatory and racists practices at their respective companies.

14. Al became belligerent when I brought the NY Post article to his attention and questioned his conflict of interest. He began insulting myself and David Wade saying we were "punks" for believing that because people write about him all the time.
15. David Wade and Al Sharpton got into a heated argument because of the insults Al Sharpton was hurling. After everything calmed down, Al Sharpton assured us that he would do whatever was necessary to get satisfaction on my behalf, but that it would take time. I gave him plenty of time, along with my money and not a word from him.
16. They instructed me to call the National Action Network every week, just to get the runaround, I was told of meetings that never occurred and nothing ever materialized. There was never any proof shown that they had done anything other than an email stating that Verizon had assigned someone from their procurement group to settle the issue. Nothing transpired from that either, and this went on for over a year.
17. After my reverend and I would call to complain to Franklyn Richardson, we would get several calls from Al Sharpton saying I should get ready to fly to New York to meet with someone from Verizon and each time he would call back to cancel and "reschedule". Another time Al Sharpton called to ask me if I would be willing to go back to work with Verizon. I said yes, I would. Nothing transpired from that either.
18. Rev David Wade and I called Frankly Richardson and told him that I had been strung along for years and that nothing has transpired. At that point I ceased all contact with the National Action Network.
19. Franklyn Richardson wanted to give me the $16,000.00 back. It was at that point I that I decided to sue Al Sharpton because of his conflict of interest with both myself and Verizon. He had no intention of representing me in the full light of the agreement we made. I felt he was just conspiring with Verizon to string me along until I would give up and take my money while doing it.
20. As a matter of fact, I had incurred losses which were much greater than the $16,000.00.
21. I became aware that Verizon and Cellco partnership had entered into a conspiracy where they paid off the National Action Network and Al Sharpton to shut up and not pursue my grievances.
22. At the point of me ceasing contact with Al Sharpton, I called Verizon's attorney, Raymond McGuire to let him know I felt that Verizon was in cahoots with Al Sharpton. I made him aware of the NY Post article citing his client in a January 4, 2015 titled "How Sharpton gets paid to not cry 'racism' at corporations, Verizon, and while on the phone he pulled up the article and began to read it aloud. He then said "this doesn't look good." He said he would speak with his client, Verizon Communications and would get back with me. I did not hear back from Raymond McGuire again.
23. I feel that at each instance when my name was brought to the attention of Upper Management at Verizon by Al Sharpton, they chose to ignore obvious facts of mistreatment of me because they already knew Al Sharpton's silence was bought and paid for by Verizon. So even when their own attorney knew that it didn't look good for them, they already knew that Al Sharpton would never speak out against them, and he never did.

All that is stated herein is true to the best of my information and belief.

State of Arizona

County of Maricopa

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this 7th day of January, 2017, by ______________________ (person).

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NOTARY PUBLIC

Print Name: Eric Wertz

My Commission Expires:

02/08/17

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